

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 66

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 24,260 square feet (0.56 acre) for a wastewater line, approximately 150,900 square feet (3.46 acre) for a temporary work space and approximately 1,500 square feet (0.03 acre) for a temporary staging and storage area site to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Govalle 5 Gaston/Bull Creek/West 25th Street Wastewater Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Shoal Creek Greenbelt located along N. Lamar Blvd between 24th Street and 29th Street, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. (Suggested date and time: January 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Austin Clean Water Program, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility and the Public Works Department, is proposing to install new wastewater lines in the park from W. 24th Street northward to the vicinity of Northwood Road intersecting the park from the west. Wastewater lines to be abandoned or removed are too small to transport the flows or have deteriorated to the extent that they no longer perform as needed.

The proposed lines will tie into the existing manholes and be replaced with new wastewater lines with greater capacity. Most of the existing wastewater lines which are to be replaced in the construction areas will be plugged and abandoned. The proposed lines will be primarily installed using an open trench method. Access to the park will be from temporary entrances at W. 24th Street and from Shoal Creek Blvd.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's Construction in Parks Specifications. Austin Water Utility is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation, will be included as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are December 16, 23 and 30, 2007.